

RAF Families Evacuated From Suez Canal Zone



Taken at an RAF base in the Suez Canal Zone, this picture shows wives and children of RAF officers and airmen leaving by bus for the Empress of Australia which took them home to Britain. On board the ship were other RAF wives and children, on their way out to join their husbands, but they were not allowed to land in Egypt.—London Express.

THE OIL DISPUTE:

Stumbling Block To Settlement

New York, Nov. 8.

The New York Times said today a fundamental disagreement between the United States and Britain has been disclosed as the real stumbling block to settlement of the British-Iranian oil dispute.

The Times said the disagreement, disclosed yesterday, was over the importance of Premier Mohammed Mossadegh preventing Iran's alignment with the Soviet Union.

"This was conceded by United States and British sources in the wake of a rejection by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of a suggested solution formula," a Washington despatch to the Times by Felix Belair, Jr., said.

The story said the formula had been worked out in Washington between Dr Mossadegh and George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State.

"Underlying the United States' mediation efforts," the story said, "is the belief that the Government of Dr Mossadegh will not survive the forthcoming elections unless he can go back to Iran with a workable arrangement for operation of Iran's nationalized petroleum industry."

"If that Government falls, United States officials fear, it will be only a question of time before the Communist Tudeh Party gets control of the Government and the whole economy of Iran is reoriented out of sheer necessity to the policies of the Kremlin."

British opinion accepts the possibility of the fall of Dr Mossadegh's Government, Mr Belair said, but rejects the idea that a successor government would be any less friendly disposed to the West.

EDEN UNINTERESTED

The Washington proposal was conveyed to Mr Eden at the UN General Assembly in Paris by Secretary of State Dean Acheson, the story said, and diplomatic sources in Washington reported Mr Eden showed a distinct lack of interest.

"Of the formula rejected by Mr Eden," the Times story said, "it is known only that it concerned the method and amount of compensation to Britain for the properties confiscated through nationalisation of Iran's oil industry. It made no provision, it is understood, for British participation in production or marketing facilities."

The story said there was an unconfirmed report that Dr Mossadegh had himself rejected an American-backed proposal that a non-British foreign company take over operation of Iran's oil industry.

Mr Belair wrote that Mr Eden told Mr Acheson he would vote against the Mossadegh-McGhee formula if it ever came up for action in the Cabinet.—Associated Press.

PURGE OF REDS IN INDIA

New Delhi, Nov. 8.
A long-simmering battle for control of the Indian Communist Party appeared to be decided today with disclosure that four top leaders have been suspended at a secret convention.

V. D. Sharma, head of the Delhi State Election Committee of the Party, confirmed earlier news reports that the Party's third national convention, held somewhere in India late in October, voted to suspend B. T. Ranadive, former General Secretary, and three others for a period of two years.

(There are indications that this shake-up was ordered directly from Moscow. A Ghosh has become State army-General. Pravda has revealed indirectly. The Moscow Communist news paper carried a long article by him signed recently.)

The Pravda article indicated a change in tactics of the Indian Communist Party. Ghosh had been in disfavour with the Party because he was against violent methods at the present time, and for a programme of infiltration of other groups. The Indian Communist Party now apparently has aimed its programme at domination of all left of centre groups in the country, looking toward Parliamentary strength.)

Ranadive's exit apparently marks a victory for the moderate faction of the Party which stresses coalition with other pro-Communist groups to contest for posts in the January National Elections.

In his capacity as leader of the Communists, Ranadive had steered the Party toward terrorism, with activities such as the bombing of trains, and thus was turning public opinion against the Communists.

Sharma said the convention decided to oust Ranadive for "his very costly mistakes", but stressed that the former Secretary was not expelled.—Associated Press.

Wartime Feat Revealed

London, Nov. 8.
A former Nazi Lieutenant-Colonel described in the London Times today how he rescued many world famous art treasures from the Abbey of Monte Cassino in 1944 just before its destruction during the fighting in Italy.

He managed to send some 60,000 volumes of ancient writings from its library to the Vatican and also the contents of several Italian State galleries which had been deposited there for safety.

The treasures included paintings by Leonardo da Vinci, two by Raphael, three by Titian and several by Tintoretto, Giorgione, Titian, Veronese, Breughel and others.

Some of these treasures had now been returned to the restored Abbey.—Reuter.

Turkey Closes Border

Istanbul, Nov. 8.
It was announced officially that Turkey tonight closed the border with Bulgaria as the result of a dispute arising from Turkey's refusal to accept Bulgarian expelled persons.

A train carrying expelled persons was blocked in Greek territory between the Turkish and Bulgarian frontiers at Edrine. The Istanbul Express also was held this morning in Greek territory and Bulgarian refugees were barred from entering the United Press.

Japanese War Criminals

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UNANIMOUS REJECTION OF DEFENCE PACT BY ARABS CLAIMED

Paris, Nov. 8. Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said tonight that Arab States were unanimous in their rejection of the four-Power proposal for a Middle East defence pact.

He suggested that the West should, instead, help strengthen the Arab States' own Middle East defence set-up if it was concerned over the security of the area.

In an exclusive interview, Azzam warned that if the Western Powers go ahead with their Middle East defence project they would find themselves in the role of "moral aggressors."

He charged that the four-Power defence project would perpetuate British domination in Egypt and the full partnership it was holding out for Egypt was only nominal and fictitious.

Azzam Pasha made the statement on the eve of an Arab League meeting.

He said that there were two ways to strengthen Middle Eastern defence. Firstly, to supply the Arab Defence Council with arms and economic aid. Secondly, grant it a security guarantee against aggression.

Azzam Pasha emphasised that the Arab countries were definitely anti-Communist and they would never accept this political creed which is alien to them.

"Our ideology is based on our tradition of tolerance and our religious cause. We do not want to make war on Russia but if we are attacked we shall defend ourselves. We are 50,000,000 people and given the economic means and modern weapons we can defend ourselves. Our common defence council has now become a reality after its ratification by the Arab League's member countries.

"NO DIFFERENCES"

"We do not wish to be deflected by other issues. It is with our full consent if the West goes ahead with its plan to set up a Middle Eastern Command, there will be no cooperation from our side.

"All talk about differences among the Arab countries on the question of the Anglo-Egyptian conflict is without foundation. There is not the slightest difference of opinion between the Arab governments on the question of abrogation of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty or on justification of the rejection by Egypt of the four-power Middle East defence pact proposed."

The four-power proposals are not yet a reversal of the all-failed 1936 treaty. They contain no real promises, nor do they offer any equivalent to Egypt for participation in the defence scheme. The defence proposals remain linked with maintenance of a base in the Suez which virtually cut Egypt into two. It is like offering somebody food that looks good but spoiling it by adding something to it.

"Some people think the Suez base is something comparable to the base in Aden or in Washington, Nov. 8. Despite the Paris statement of the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah el Din Pasha, that his country would under no circumstances accept the four-Power invitation to join the Middle East defence command, the invitation still stands, according to usually well-informed American sources.

At the same time these sources indicated that Israel need have no fears that she will be pressed by the Western Powers to join the defence arrangement.

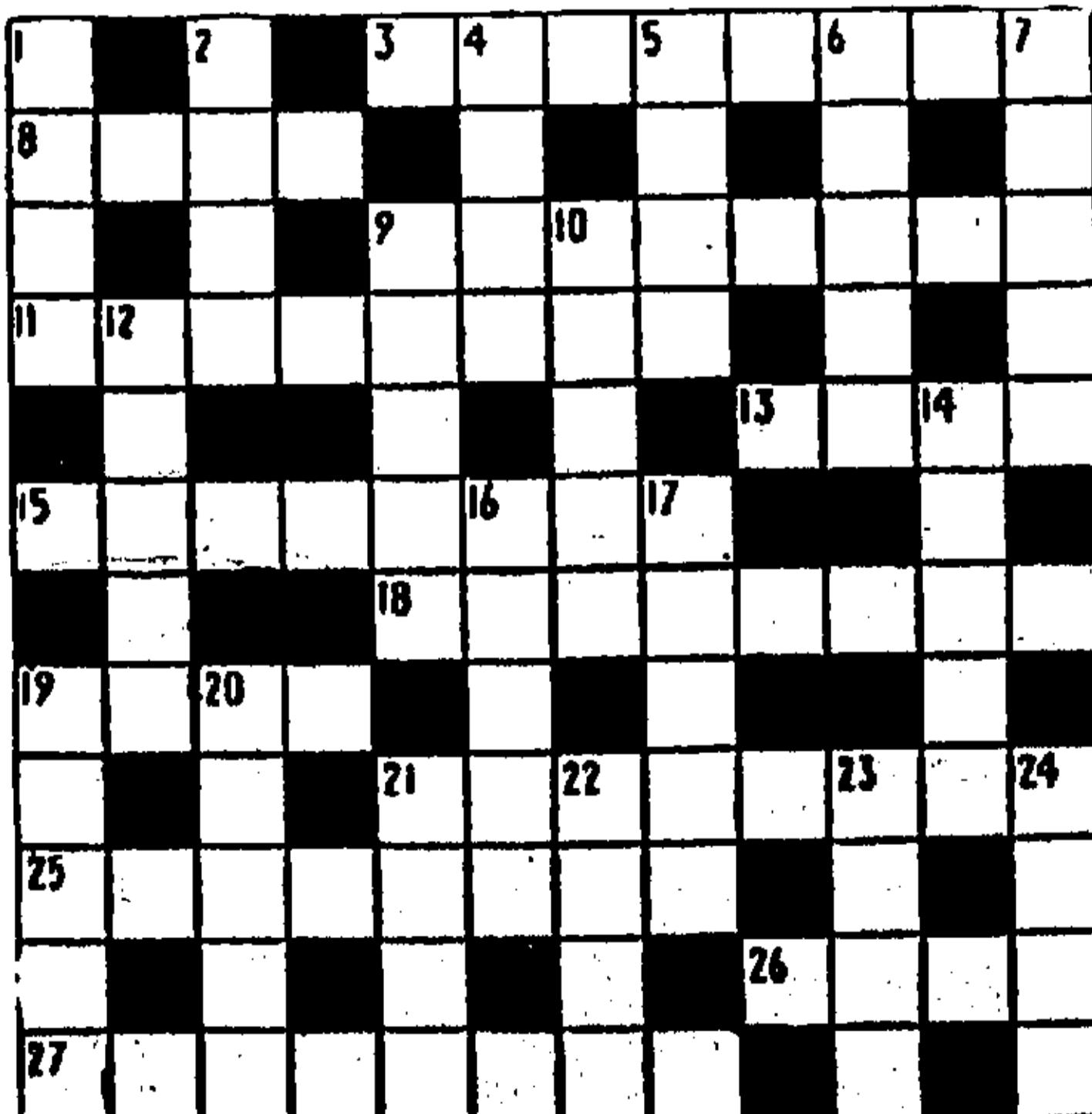
Such fears were implicit in Press reports published here under a Tel-Aviv dateline which described the reaction of the Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Sharett, to a regional defence pact.

The idea of "pressuring" of any nation into joining the command is far from the current American viewpoint. According to present plans no nation will even be invited to join for many months.

American officials are watching with keen interest the forthcoming Arab League meeting in Paris for some action to justify their hopes that other Arab States will support the proposed command despite Egypt's bitter opposition.

These official take encouragement from two factors:

A British Crossword Puzzle



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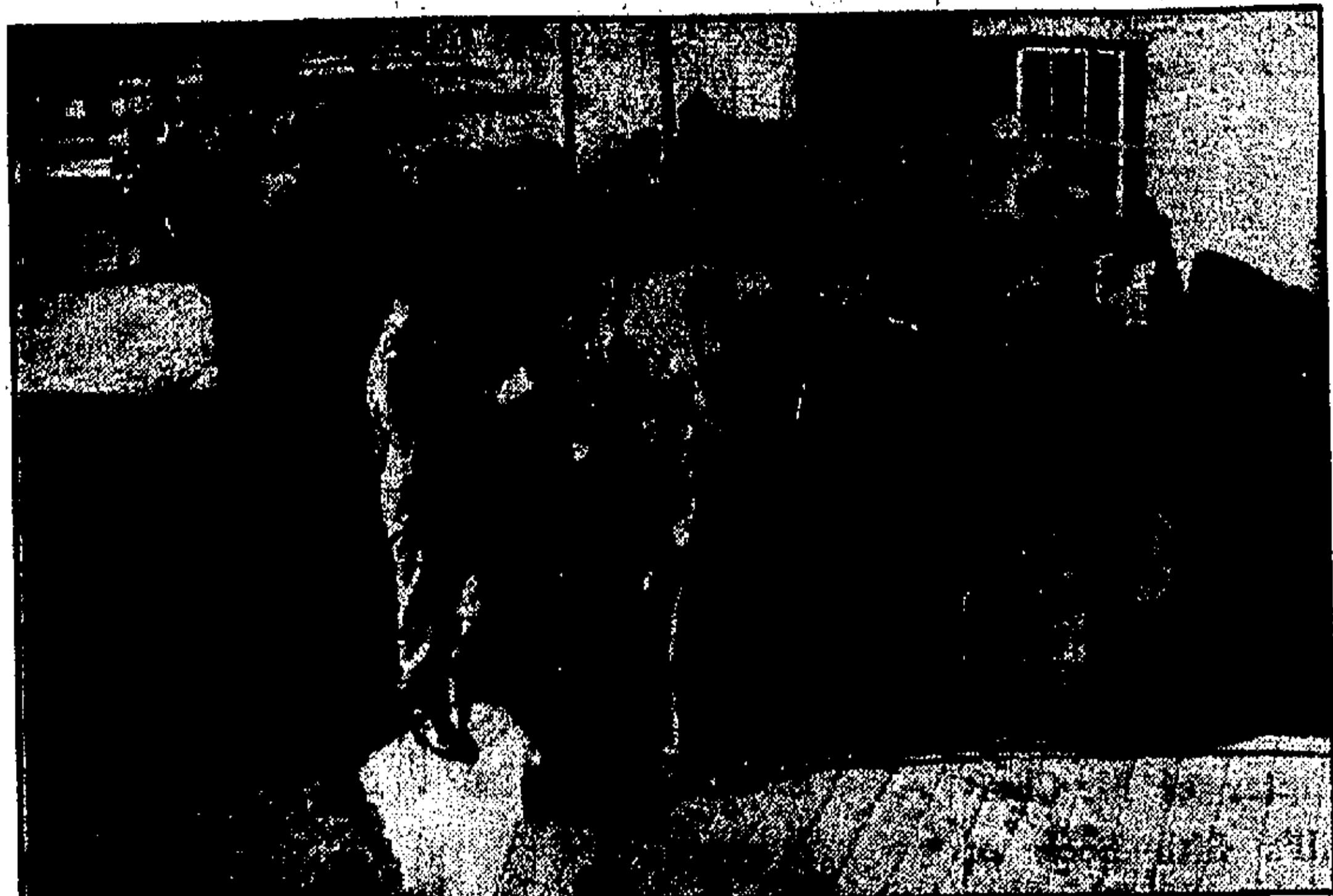
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- 13 Charitable relief (8).
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- 18 Reptiles (8).
- 19 Native (6).
- 21 Liberated (8).
- 25 Got ready (8).
- 26 Dredged (4).
- 27 Tell-off (8).

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- 1 Scourge (4).
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- 7 Lees (5).
- 8 Festions (6).
- 9 Hindrance (6).
- 12 Spacious (6).
- 14 Head-dress (6).
- 16 At no time (6).
- 17 Rate (6).
- 19 Pigment (6).
- 20 Best part (6).
- 21 Downpour (4).
- 22 Limbs (4).
- 23 Check (4).
- 24 Uninteresting (4).

INTERESTING CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Asses, 4 Birth, 7 Dolorous, 8 Round, 9 Digest, 11 Enclosed, 15 Intrude, 18 Grapes, 19 Peers, 19 Anchored, 20 Edge, 21 Tyrant, 22 Head, 23 Alced, 24 Slope, 25 Started, 26 Burdened, 27 Hatched, 28 Gathurst, 29 Median, 30 Jumps, 31 Vulture, 32 Above, 33 Right.

Devonshire Regiment Prepares For Egypt



Among troops airlifted from Britain to the Suez Canal Zone were the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire Regiment, some of whom are shown here on the weighbridge at Colchester as they prepared for the journey. Forty-two men and equipment weigh four tons, making a complete plane load. — Central Press.

Shipments Of Arms For Saigon

Asked by reporters afterward if he protested United States support for Britain in the current Anglo-Egyptian dispute, he replied that he was not authorized to protest about anything.

Asked if he expressed dissatisfaction at the American action, the Ambassador declined to comment.

He said, "The situation is so explosive that I don't want to add any explosives to it."

A State Department source said that the United States Government has no official word of Pakistan's recent offer to mediate in the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute and declined to comment on American reaction to the proposal.—United Press.

ANGLO-IRAQI TALKS

Baghdad, Nov. 8. The Iraqi Premier, Nuri Es-Sa'ida, who left by air for Paris and London, will discuss future Anglo-Iraqi relations with Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary.

The Iraqi Premier will meet Mr. Eden and other policy makers at the Foreign Office.

In Paris, he will discuss with other Arab representatives their attitude to the four Western Powers' proposal for a Middle East defence pact.

Before leaving Baghdad, the Premier received a first-hand report on the situation in Egypt from the Iraqi Minister to Cairo, Naji Al Sawi, who had been summoned home urgently.—Reuters.

Complaint By India Against South Africa

Paris, Nov. 8. India's complaint against the Union Government regarding the treatment of citizens of Indian origin in South Africa was taken into account in the agenda of the sixth session of the General Assembly.

The action was taken by the 14-nation General Committee, or Steering Committee, which approved by 10 votes to none against, with four abstentions, to recommend that the item be debated again by the General Assembly.

The Assembly must still accept this recommendation before it finally appears in the approved agenda for the session.

China, France, the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom abstained. The countries represented by the 10 approving votes were the Soviet Union, the United States, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Norway, Thailand, Chile, Canada, Poland and Mexico.

Previously, France and China had already supported the inclusion of Indian charges against South Africa in the agenda.

The matter has been before the United Nations since 1946.

Neither South Africa nor India is a member of the Steering Committee, but their spokesmen were invited to the table to present their views on whether the subject should again come before the Assembly.

Mr. G. P. Joshi, the Indian African deputy, protested against the item being discussed because, in his view, it was a matter falling within the domestic jurisdiction of another member State. He claimed that the Charter expressly protected member States against such intervention in domestic affairs.

Mr. Charles, the South African

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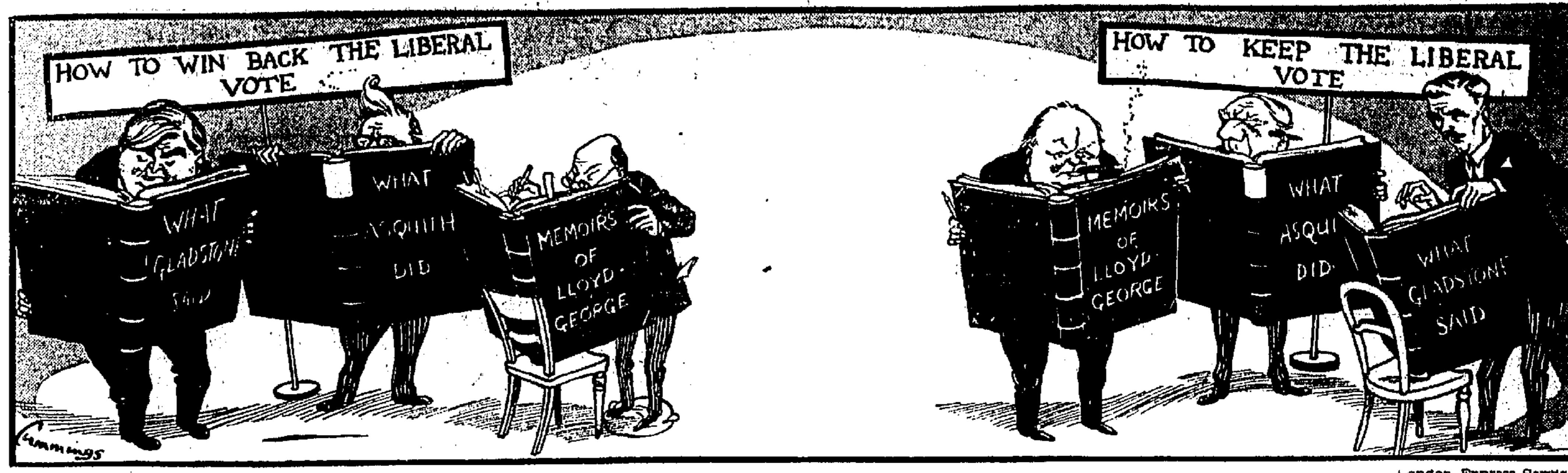
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RUSSIA'S CLAIM TO ITALIAN SHIPS

By Winston Churchill

This is the 29th Chapter of Mr Churchill's fifth book of Second World War memoirs, entitled "Closing The Ring."

IN spite of the tension with Gen. de Gaulle about Peyrouton, Bois-son, and Flandin, all of whom [as being formerly associated with the Vichy Government] had been arrested by the Free French authorities in December, I determined to make an effort to renew friendly relations with him before returning home. On New Year's Day, 1944, I asked him to dine and sleep at the villa [where Mr Churchill was recuperating at Marrakesh] on Jan. 3.

"This," I said, "would give us an opportunity of long-needed talks. My wife is with me here, and if Madame de Gaulle would care to accompany you it would give us both much pleasure."

The General evidently thought the notice too short. I ought to have known that he would not sleep anywhere in North Africa but in a French official residence but in a French official residence he pleaded the pressure of his other engagements. So I let alone. However, having learnt later that he would arrive in Marrakesh on Jan. 12, I invited him to luncheon that day, and he accepted.

At this de Gaulle said he had offered Gen. Georges the Chancellorship of the Legion of Honour. I asked what reply he had received. "I received no reply," he answered. "I said I was no surprised. Had he the Chancellorship to bestow?"

But all ended pleasantly, and the General proposed that I should attend a review he would hold in my honour the next morning, which I agreed to do. And accordingly de Gaulle and I stood on a small platform while quite a large array of French and Moroccan troops marched past for an hour amid the cheers of the inhabitants of the Marrakesh oasis.

Comments were numerous

President was worried

WE have seen how [at Teheran] Stalin had asked for a share in the Italian Fleet, and the President was under the impression that he himself had mentioned in conversation one-third. The British Chiefs of Staff did not like this, and had always spoken to their Russian colleagues on a different basis. The President was worried about his personal remark "one-third," and set the whole position out to me with great frankness.

President Roosevelt to Prime Minister, 9 Jan., '44.

As I told you, Harriman requested information on the action we were taking to carry out our commitments to turn over Italian ships to the Soviet by Feb. 1 so that he could discuss the matter with Molotov if he were queried. I told him it was my intention to allocate one-third of the captured Italian ships to the Soviet war effort, beginning Feb. 1, as rapidly as they could be made available.

Harriman then reminded me that Stalin's request at Teheran was a reiteration of the Soviet request originally made at Moscow in October [namely, for one battleship, one cruiser, eight destroyers and four submarines for North Russia, and 40,000 tons of merchant shipping for the Black Sea], and that no mention was made at Moscow or Teheran of the Russians getting additional ships up to one-third of those captured.

Harriman also emphasized the very great importance of fulfilling our pledge to yield these ships. For the 16 fall of delay would, in his opinion, only arouse suspicion in Stalin and in his associates as to the firmness of other commitments made at Teheran.

On the other hand, the Chiefs of Staff have raised numerous objections to the transfer based on probable effects that this course would have on

pending operations. They fear a loss of Italian naval and military co-operation, and the scuttling or sabotage of valuable ships which we need for "Anvil" [the landing in Southern France] and "Overlord" [the main cross-Channel operation]. They foresee no material benefit to the Russian war effort at this time, since the warships are presently quite unsuited for Northern waters and the Black Sea is closed to merchant vessels....

Message not clear

THIS message was not entirely clear. I agreed to the ships mentioned in our agreement of October, but not to the more general terms of "one-third." I therefore replied:

Prime Minister to President Roosevelt, 9 Jan., '44.

I entirely agree with you that we must not break faith with Stalin about the ships. I have been for a week in correspondence with Anthony on the subject, and hope to submit a proposal to you for a joint communication from you and me in a day or two.

I was myself in full accord with the Chiefs of Staff on both sides of the Atlantic. I felt that the immediate transfer of these Italian warships, which had so recently made their way to Malta and placed themselves in our hands, might have most damaging results to Italian vessels.

President was worried

THIS alternative was accepted by the President. The Americans undertook themselves to furnish a cruiser, and the whole matter was presented to Stalin substantially in the form I suggested in a joint telegram from the President and me on Jan. 23. Stalin's reply, when it came later, was as follows:

Prime Minister to Prime Minister and President Roosevelt, 29 Jan., '44.

"...I must say that, after your joint affirmative reply at Teheran to the question which I raised of the handing over to the Soviet Union of Italian shipping by the end of January, 1944, I considered this question settled, and the thought never entered my mind of the possibility of any kind of reconsideration of this decision, which was taken and agreed between the three of us.

All the more so since, as we agreed at the time, this question was to be completely settled with the Italians. Now I see that this is not so, and that nothing has even been mentioned to the Italians on the subject.

On the other hand, the main difficulties raised by the Chiefs of Staff are sold, and I think it very likely that once Stalin is convinced of our intentions and our good faith he will leave us to handle the matter in the smoothest and swiftest way possible.

I suggest, therefore, that we now signal him jointly to the following effect:

"...The Combined Chiefs of Staff... think it would be dangerous to our triple interests actually to carry out any transfer or to say anything about it to the Italians at present. Nevertheless, if after full consideration you decide us to proceed, we will make a secret approach to Badoglio with a view to concluding the necessary arrangements....

"These would have to be on the lines that Italian ships selected should be added to a suitable Allied port, where

they would be collected by Russian crews, who would sail into Russian Northern ports.... We are, however, very conscious of the dangers of this course, and have therefore decided to propose the following alternative:

"The British battleship Royal Sovereign has recently completed refit in the United States. She is fitted with Radar for all types of armament. Great Britain has also a cruiser available. His Majesty's Government are willing, for their part, that these vessels should be taken over during February at British ports by Soviet crews and sailed to Norh Russian ports.

"You could then make such alterations as you find necessary for Arctic conditions. These vessels would be temporarily transferred on loan to the Soviet Government, and would fly the Soviet flag until, without prejudice to the military operations, the necessary transfer of Italian vessels could be arranged.

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Alternative accepted

THIS alternative was accepted by the President. The Americans undertook themselves to furnish a cruiser, and the whole matter was presented to Stalin substantially in the form I suggested in a joint telegram from the President and me on Jan. 23. Stalin's reply, when it came later, was as follows:

Prime Minister to Prime Minister and President Roosevelt, 29 Jan., '44.

"...I must say that, after your joint affirmative reply at Teheran to the question which I raised of the handing over to the Soviet Union of Italian shipping by the end of January, 1944, I considered this question settled, and the thought never entered my mind of the possibility of any kind of reconsideration of this decision, which was taken and agreed between the three of us.

All the more so since, as we agreed at the time, this question was to be completely settled with the Italians. Now I see that this is not so, and that nothing has even been mentioned to the Italians on the subject.

On the other hand, the main difficulties raised by the Chiefs of Staff are sold, and I think it very likely that once Stalin is convinced of our intentions and our good faith he will leave us to handle the matter in the smoothest and swiftest way possible.

I suggest, therefore, that we now signal him jointly to the following effect:

"...The Combined Chiefs of Staff... think it would be dangerous to our triple interests actually to carry out any transfer or to say anything about it to the Italians at present. Nevertheless, if after full consideration you decide us to proceed, we will make a secret approach to Badoglio with a view to concluding the necessary arrangements....

"These would have to be on the lines that Italian ships selected should be added to a suitable Allied port, where

Reporting America

By R. M. MacColl

THERE IS a new twist to the old story of the vagrant who turns out to have a fortune.

When New York hospital doctors treated 70-year-old John Mansfield for starvation, they found he had \$427 (£152 10s.) in his pockets.

Next, they discovered bank books showing deposits of nearly \$30,000 (£10,714).

"I could never do anything right all my life," quavered John Mansfield miserably, "so I was afraid I would not know how to spend properly."

RELENTLESS CRITIC of the Government's foreign policy, Senator Robert Taft of Ohio—and he might easily get the Republican nomination for President next summer—returns to the attack. He says there is "a complete lack of planning" in Washington.

And he says that Truman, having started the Korean war on his own responsibility, "even if he makes an appeasement peace now, can hardly claim credit for ending without result the war which he began."

WHILE the Korean peace talk continues, Colorado's crusty Democrat Senator Edwin Johnson charges in a newspaper article that a well-known U.S. public servant has been retained by Syngman Rhee's South Korean Government at a high fee to ensure that there shall be no negotiated peace.

Johnson says this man is Paul McNutt—at one time head of the War Manpower Commission.

NEW-STYLE BANKING—being nice to depositors—is paying off in California. What with housewives being drawn in by high-pressure advertising campaigns and finding brand-new chaise-longue-green sofas and lounge chairs when they get to the banks, Los Angeles savings accounts are about 15 percent above the national average.

FOURTEEN MONTHS AGO a naval hospital ship hit a freighter off San Francisco's Golden Gate and sank in shallow water. Now the underworld is busy making huge bids for the hulk and its contents. For the ship contained one and a half million dollars' worth of narcotics—treasure trove for the dope peddlers.

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THE AUSTRALIANS ARE AGAIN IN THE GRIPS OF TEST MATCH FEVER

Melbourne.
Australia, on the eve of the long-awaited cricket Test matches against the highly-rated West Indies, is in the grips of "Test Match Fever."

Not even the first post-war series between Australia and England, played here in 1946 after six dreary war years, raised as much pre-series interest as this forthcoming tour, which has been billed as the "Cricket Championship of the World."

A fanfare of publicity greeted the vanguard of eight West Indian cricketers, including the captain, John Goddard, when they arrived here.

Large crowds have watched "Valentine's Day," commented the West Indians practise and "Sydney Sun" critic, R S Whitington. Australian critics are busy stressing that the threat to Australia's cricket supremacy is real, and that its performance against Freddie Brown's Englishmen here last season will not be good enough.

The West Indian captain believes that his team, with batting "aces" Weekes and Worrell, and his "split-twins" Valentine and Ramadhan, will win the Test series for him.

"STICKY DOG"

The first Test will be played over five days at Brisbane Cricket Ground, famous for its "sticky dog" pitches, beginning November 9. The ground has unhappy memories for England in the last two Test series in the last two Test series in 1948 and against Australia, in 1948 and 1950.

A feature of the Test series will be covered pitch by pitch in print.

Brisbane has been visited by tropical downpours which flood the ground with a few minutes will still present a constant threat of "sticks."

Seepage under covers always occurs and downpours in Sheffield Shield matches.

Rainy Brisbane could prove a happy "homing ground" for the tall 21-year-old Alex Weekes, the Verrier-type bowler who is a specialist on wet pitches.

Given such conditions November 9, the first day of the Test in Brisbane, may be remembered as

NEED FOR NEW BLOOD

The cry of critics here is that Australia's postwar champions have grown old and that the need for new blood is great.

Immediate need, they say, is the production of a leg spinner and a first-class wicket keeper.

Australia played the last series against England without a leg spinner, and Tallon's wicket-keeping was only a shadow of his 1948 greatness. Tallon has recently been seriously ill but has recovered and seems determined to make a strong bid for his Test position.

Australia's batting potential is still great, despite last season's performances, when only Keith Miller was consistent.

The left-handed opening bat, Arthur Morris, is not expected to have two bad seasons in succession. Already in grade games he has shown top form.

Strong support can be expected from the brilliant Victorian, Neil Harvey, and Jim Burke, the century-scorer in his first Test match last season, while the right-hand batsman, Graeme Hole, is expected to carry on from his fine fighting debut in the fifth Test against England.

Dominic Lindsay Hassett, who seems certain to be captain again, can usually be

STILL THE MASTER

Barnes quickly showed that he was still a "master" batsman by scoring 145 runs in his first Sydney grade match this season. He was hampered by a pulled muscle in his right leg. At 32, he could still be a master of the West Indians.

The freak off-spinner, "Big" Jack Iverson, who hit the lime-light with good performances against England last season, but later announced his retirement because of business interests, may also play again.

He said recently that he was keen to have a crack at the West Indians.

But a recent operation on his left ankle, which he injured when he trod on a ball during the fourth Test in Adelaide last February, will keep him out of the first Test. His replacement sets a pose for the Australian selectors.

Twenty-one-year-old Richie Benaud, New South Wales all-rounder, may be the leg-break bowler whom Australia is seeking. Since he entered Shield cricket two years ago he has been dogged by injuries, but his performances with both bat and ball have earned him respect.

Apart from Ken Archer, who was opening bat in three Tests against England, hard-hitting Jim de Courcy, the New South Wales right-hander, and the fast-medium right-arm West Australian bowler, Harry Price, Australia has no other prospective stars on the horizon.

Even should Australia's proved stars produce their best, there is no doubt that against the West Indians, Australia faces the greatest threat to her claim to being the world's leading cricket nation.

In all only 17 matches will be played during the three months' tour.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

TENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 10th & Monday 12th November, 1951.
(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. on the 1st Day.

On the 2nd Day the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race will be run at 12.00 noon. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) on the 2nd Day.

There are 8 races on the 1st Day and 10 races on the 2nd Day (18 in all).

Through Tickets (at \$30 each) may be obtained at the Comptor Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th November, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

or
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light and/or a white sphere at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED. AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED. Attention is drawn to Rule 23 of the Totalisator Rules which reads as follows:

In no circumstances will any dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will not be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all costs, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptor Office will close at 11.00 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10.00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptor Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$8.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable to the Clerk.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MIRROS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to withdraw their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not entitled in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through the Members' Hall, and remain in their employer's stands.

Refusing to do the same, in the Members' Betting Hall, Boxholders and their servants are requested to ensure that their servants make no noise in the Members' Betting Hall. Military Police will be present at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER

Mr. J. J. Murphy.

THE BEST COUNTY CHAMPION



Sylvia Cheeseman (right), of the Spartan Ladies' Athletic Club, has been awarded the Lady Noel Curtis Trophy by the Middlesex Women's Athletic Association as the best County Champion of the year, states a Reuter message.

At the Middlesex Championships held in June, Miss Cheeseman equalled the British record of 11 seconds when winning the 100 Yards Sprint title. Here she is seen with teammate Doris Batter.—Central Press Photo.

Give The Players More Of A Chance By Re-shuffling The Football League

Says IVAN SHARPE

When the Labour Ministry Committee continues its Inquiry into "football slavery," the Players' Union will give evidence. They are likely to mention flood lighting.

Perhaps that's as well. Let's get it all over at once.

Though it isn't the heaven-sent blessing some people suppose, as winter evenings will be too chilly for spectators, floodlit football offers new revenue.

And, believe it or not, this is what the clubs have been seeking for years: 24 first-team home games, in the present League and Cup competitions, don't provide sufficient revenue.

"How, then, can you fork out £10,000, £20,000, £30,000 and more for one player's transfer?"

The innocent Committee men may ask.

TIME TO LET OFF STEAM

If floodlit football is coming, the players will want a share of the kiddy. The whole position needs overhaul. England's check on Wales, right-hander, and the fast-medium right-arm West Australian bowler, Harry Price, Australia has no other prospective stars on the horizon.

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HERE'S THE IDEA

Here, then, is a remedy: At the end of next season (1952-53) the League to be regrouped into six sections of 16 clubs apiece based on the season's final tables. Thus:

Premier Division
First Division
Four clubs to go up and down.
Second Division (North)
Second Division (South)

Third Division (North): two new clubs required.

Third Division (South): two newcomers required.

In these divisions, two clubs to go up and down.

Work it out for yourselves from today's tables.

TIME FOR SIDELINES

Thirty matches apiece is an ample League programme, and it leaves about a dozen dates to fill. Look at the scope for new lines and novelties:

European international championships; European club championships; Anglo-Scotish cup or league competitions; British "cup" or league competitions; Third Division North & South tournaments; visits from foreign teams. These attractive sidelines would take place in an atmosphere permitting and encouraging higher-class play.

Are we never to see clubs like Arsenal and Rangers, or Aston Villa and Celtic, meeting in a competitive match?

GERMANY CAN DO IT

Scotland are reorganized, and glad of it. Get going, England!

Mark the progress of Germany. The Germans, in Dublin, showed little sign of the war's tolleration. Their team is one of the best in Europe—"same style as the Spurs but faster," says a friend I can trust.

They have answered the vexed question of centre-half play—*either* or *stopper*—by *both*. They have

been asked to do the pattern adopted by Stanley Cuthill, not of the half-centre-halfers to Britain.

They have 13,000 clubs in West Germany with 1,200,000 members. They have 10 groups with a minimum capacity of 40,000 spectators, though the maximum is 100,000. They have 100,000 spectators per game, with 200,000 spectators per month.

Crown Prince, Chairman of Novo, requested that the German elections be held in private, said that he thought the matter should be considered privately.

The decision was taken after their applications had been heard in camera.

The voting was distributed among 33 players with another 10 receiving honourable mention in the closest finish in years.

With Berlin in the American and Brooklyn's Roy Carpinella in the National, this was the first year two catches were named most valuable.

Mr. Henry Morgan, President of the North American Yacht Racing Union, who as a guest observer, said he hoped that in the near future the two catches would continue to receive recognition.

WHY DROP SMITH?

The selection of the England team, the line-up at the FA Cup semi-final, will be decided by the

TURPIN & ROBINSON MAY FIGHT AGAIN

London, Nov. 8.

Sugar Ray Robinson, the World Middleweight Boxing Champion, may fight the British title-holder, Randolph Turpin, for the third time.

Turpin will make an exhibition tour of Europe next spring and George Gainford, his manager, indicated in New York last night that he would be willing to agree to a bout with Turpin in London next summer.

George Middleton, Turpin's manager, said today that Turpin would jump at the chance of meeting Robinson again. He added that Turpin would make an official challenge to Robinson immediately.

Robinson will leave for San Francisco early next month to prepare for his World title fight against Carl Olson there on November 20. Another title bout in February against Rocky Graziano in Chicago may also take place.

He will leave for Europe late in March or early April. He plans to make a motion picture in Paris.

The first time that Robinson and Turpin met was in July of this year in London, where the British Champion won on points to gain the World crown. Robinson regained the title in New York in September beating Turpin in the 10th round.

There is also a possibility that Kid Gavilan, the American recognised World Welterweight Boxing Champion, who just last night beat Tony Janiro in four rounds, will meet Turpin in an heavyweight match in London early next year.—Reuter.

GARDNER OPTIMISTIC

London, Nov. 8.

Jack Gardner, the British and Empire Heavyweight Boxing Champion, has intimated that he would be fit by the end of February to meet Johnny Williams, of Rugby in defence of his titles.

"The specialist who performed the operation on my eye is very satisfied and I have finished my post-operative treatment," said Gardner. "He has told me that I will be as strong as ever after three months' rest."

Gardner said that he was "eye-conscious" when he fought Ceser Brion, the South American, and Hein Ten Hoff, the German, to whom he lost the European Championship.

"I was fully aware then that the area above my right eye would not stand up to a really hard blow by either man and that worried me during those fights. But I am a happy man again now."

Women free-style swimmers will compete against the men, who will utilise the back and breast strokes, while a trio of the leading sprinters in the men's section will endeavour to better six junior swimmers over 300 yards.

The swimming programme winds up with a grand finale in which all the swimmers will take part in a five-and-a-side relay, each swimmer using his or her particular stroke.

The programme, in which all members of the probable Inter-territory team for Manila will take part, is novel in many ways, for apart from one race in each of the men's and women's sections, the meat of the entertainment consists of specially arranged events in which the individual swimmers will be able to demonstrate their favorite strokes against

A Domestic Wrangle May Cost Melbourne The Olympic Games

By GORDON TAIT

Sydney, Nov. 8.—A domestic wrangle, largely political, may cost Melbourne the 1956 Olympic Games. It is 2½ years since Melbourne was given the 1956 Games.

During that time the so-called "battle of the sites" has been fought, and it is not over yet. Today no site has been fixed for the 1956 Games. There isn't even money in the bank to prepare a site.

By the end of October Australian sportswriters were saying only a miracle could save the Games for Melbourne, that Australia is likely to become the sporting joke of the world.

In Melbourne bets were being made that the city would hand back the Games to the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Melbourne won the right to stage the 1956 Games at the meeting of the IOC in 1949. Buenos Aires was but one vote behind Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and San Francisco also sought the games.

THE LATEST FLARE

IOC Secretary Otto Mayer sparked the latest flare in the "battle of the sites." He was reported to have said in Rome towards the end of October:

"We have heard very serious rumours that the Australian Olympic Committee will not get the necessary government credits."

"We have written to the Australian representative of the IOC saying that we are anxious to know what is going on. If we do not get entire satisfaction we must reconsider the

KEEN TO GO AHEAD

The Olympic Organising Committee in Melbourne is keen to go ahead with the games. Its Secretary, Edgar Tatner, says the Games will go on.

The Committee, however, has not the sort of money needed to put on a huge world sports meet. It doesn't own a site of its own.

The background to the squabble over a site and financing Government money is needed to stage the Games.

The site that is chosen will get, presumably for nothing, a stadium and other assets for future use. Six sites are being considered.

American All-Stars End Winning Streak

Osaka, Japan, Nov. 8.—Six Japanese pitchers finally ended the 10-game winning streak of the touring American All-Star baseball team.

Lefty O'Doul's Americans had to settle for an 11-inning 2-2 tie today with Japan's Pacific League Stars.—Associated Press.

Sewell And Phillips Put Bite Into The English Team

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The chief reason for the improvement in "bite" in the England League team against Scotland at Sheffield can be attributed to the inclusion for the first time of inside-forwards Jackie Sewell of the Wednesday, at £34,500 the highest paid footballer in the world, and Len Phillips, Portsmouth's ex-matador.

Between them Nat Lofthouse of Bolton was more forceful if less speedy than Jackie Milburn, his Newcastle rival for the position, while it is good to record that Tom Finney, of Preston, cut out the frills and got on with the job, at the same time retaining all his craft in ball control and scoring his usual representative match goal.

These four, and the accurate-centring Medley of Spurs made the vaunted Glasgow Rangers' defence of Brown, Young, Cox and Wooburn, aided by the Celtic wing-halves, Evans and Baillie, looks a poor lot. Finney probably played Cox out of the Scottish side. Gilbert Merrick, Birmingham's moustachioed ex-Army goalkeeper, turned on a wonder display including the saving of a Waddell penalty. Lionel Smith, Arsenal, was even better than Alf Ramsey, Spurs, at back.

Let this team be left alone for a while. It is the turn of the Scottish selectors to worry.

Racing from his Worcester Park, London, home at dawn to catch the St. Pancras train to Sheffield, Fulham Manager Mr. Dodgin stopped a lorry. Who should be but a man who played in the same school and county teams as Bill in Durham a quarter of a century ago!

The swing of floodlighting increases every week. Fulham are now setting up a full installation and Arsenal, who have got their £3,000 installation costs back in two matches, are to augment this with lighting in the streets surrounding the stadium to ensure a better getaway at night for the crowds although there are no more matches this year. Spurs will not floodlight as the White Hart Lane ground is to undergo structural alterations.

Newcastle United are to tour South Africa next summer.

TROPHY FOR CADETS

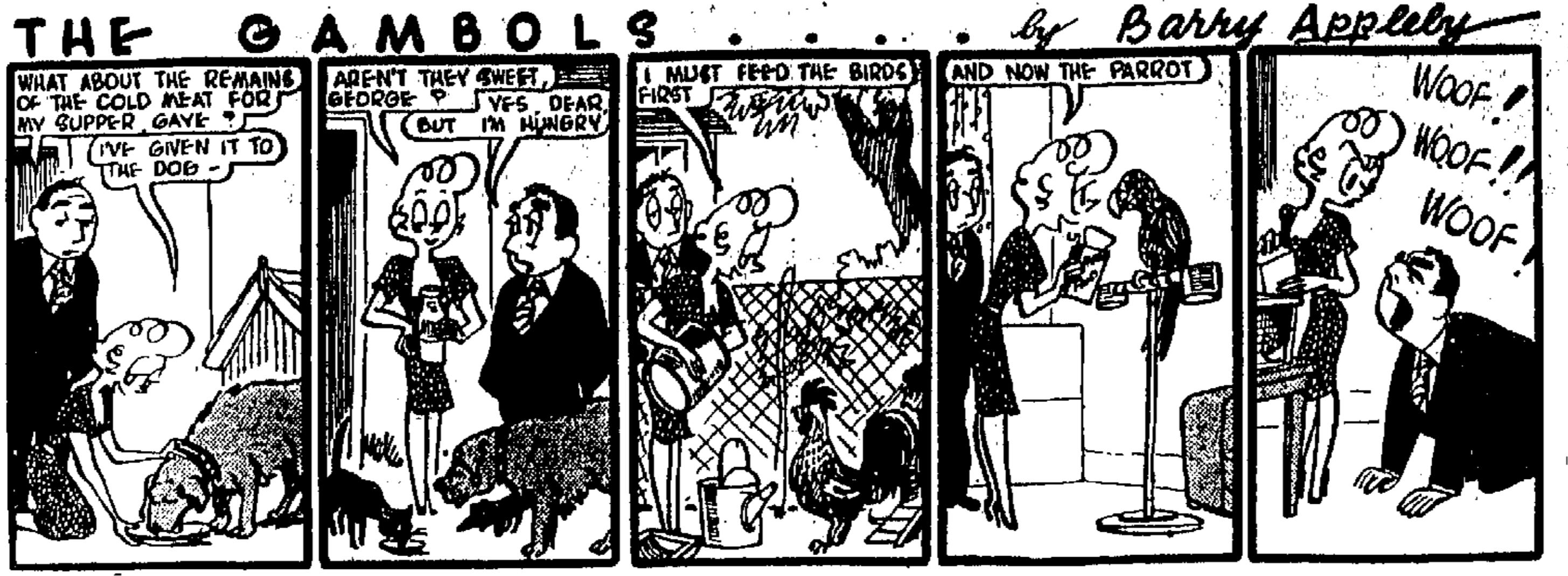
Inspired by the success of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities' sides, Pegasus, in winning the FA Amateur Cup last season, a new trophy has been presented for competition among cadet colleges—Oxford and Cambridge Universities (without Blues), Officer-producing service units, and the Army Crusaders, the revised officers' team.

Eight teams are to compete—the Honourable Artillery Company will play RAF (Grenfell) in the first round, RAFA Technical College (Henlow), the Army Crusaders, R. N. College (Grenfell), Officer-producing service units, and the Army Crusaders, the revised officers' team.

The Secretary of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Football Association, Lt. Cmdr. E. W. Bertram, has been awarded the MBE. He has been the Navy Secretary for 20 years.

The British Army XI put up a spirited display in losing only 2-1 to Aberdeen's full League side at Pittodrie Park. The Army scored in the first thirty seconds but later had two penalties awarded against them for technical infringements. The outstanding player in the scud Army XI was goalkeeper Jack Anderson (Oxford) who, despite being carrying 147 lbs.

He was a private in the RAMC, he should not be disengaged.



By "RAPIER"

The Tenth Race Meeting, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, will be spread over two days, tomorrow and Monday. Eight events are down for decision tomorrow, with no change in the usual time of starting, but on Monday there will be 10 races and the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. with the tiffin interval after the fourth race.

There are no special events for the two days, but tomorrow the two sections of the Stonecutters Handicap for Australian Ponies Class 2 from the two-mile post are

the best.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Lama Handicap (First Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

The opening race tomorrow afternoon is confined to Australian Ponies Class 6, to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time.

Among the entries I think Queen Helen (Mr C. A. Lee) has a good opportunity of securing a win in view of its performance in the Leopardstown Handicap (First Section) over 1½ miles at the last meeting.

Constant Star (Mr F. K. Lang) is about the next best in this lot and should give Queen Helen a keen fight to the end as it has been showing improved form lately.

Flying Jib (Mr Dau), which won the Humphreys Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the October Race

will be taken out by Mr Samarc tomorrow afternoon and, although carrying another 8 lbs., I don't think this extra weight will stop her from winning here as the pony has been in fine form lately during morning gallops.

The strongest opposition will come from Crackerjack (Mr Holgate), although this pony was unplaced in the Brighton Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting.

There is Fort Knox (Mr Chen Poo) to be considered as it is good over this distance.

The distance also favours Damia (Mr Coppin) and High Straight (Mr H. H. Chen), should also receive some consideration, especially the latter, which is not bad.

SECOND RACE

Stonecutters Handicap (First Section): From the Two Mile Post.

First Section Australian Ponies (Class 2) will try conclusions here.

Top Secret, ridden by Mr Ostromoff, won the Haydock Park Stakes for Australian Ponies of 1951 (Class 2) at the Seventh Race Meeting over the mile and, judging from that performance, I consider its prospects of scoring another win rather bright.

Barbarian (Mr Robert Tsai) ran unplaced at the last meeting from the 1½ mile post, it

should give a good account of itself over this distance if it does not actually win.

There are other ponies, however, to be reckoned with, especially Jeep Lee (Mr Samarc), Fire-glo (Mr Oliveira) and Cinderella (Mr Chen Poo), which are quite capable of causing an upset, while there is also Ataman (Mr Maitland) to be considered.

THIRD RACE

Ping Chau Handicap (Second Section): From 1½ Mile Post.

This sprint event is confined to the First Section of Australian Ponies (Class 4) and, judging from the entries, I expect the winner to come from among Blue Bird (Mr C. A. Lee) Ringwood (Mr F. Noodt), Lana (Mr Chen Poo) and Shan Lee (Mr Samarc).

Blue Bird won the Humphreys Handicap (Third Section) for Class 6 ponies over six furlongs and appears the logical choice.

Can it still, however, win in this better class of runners? It ran very convincingly in the above race so that even up by another two classes I think it should have a chance of winning again.

On the other hand, Ringwood is quite at home over this distance and should be near at the finish.

Lana has not won a race as yet for some time, but is still good enough to win.

Shun Lee is another possible choice, as the distance is more to its liking.

FOURTH RACE

Lama Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

The Second Section of Australian Ponies (Class 8) will contest this event.

For its second placing behind Ringway in the Leopardstown Handicap (Third Section) over 1½ miles at the last meeting, Battlefield has incurred a penalty of 3 lbs. i.e. 155 lbs.

As it will be taken out by Mr Dau, a novice jockey, who will have an allowance of 6 lbs., good as it is compared with the opposition, I am not inclined to suggest it as the likely winner.

The race itself should be fought out between Sparkling Eyes (Mr Shieh) and Mabel (Mr Oliveira), but with 189 lbs., less 6 lbs. allowance, to carry, Boom Town (Mr You Ching Lam) should not be overlooked.

My preference is Mabel as it is in fine condition at the moment. Sparkling Eyes may give Mabel a good tussle and it may prove itself a little better than Battlefield for second position.

FIFTH RACE

Stonecutters Handicap (Second Section): From the Two Mile Post.

This race will be contested by the Second Section of Australian Ponies (Class 2) and the result should provide an interesting finish.

Adorable Alabama, ridden by Mr Ostromoff, came second in the Derby Vortex Handicap (Second Section) over the mile and a half.

Another (Mr Archie Quick) and the two others which

were two-year-olds which

should not be discounted.

Springboks Beat Cambridge 30-0

Cambridge, Nov. 8.—The South African Rugby Union team scored a resounding victory over Cambridge University here today, 30-0 (three goals, a dropped goal, a penalty goal and three tries) to

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All personnel driving their own cars, Service vehicles included, were invited to the match.

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"BENWYVIS"	Aberdeen, Havre & London	24th Nov.
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Couples On Raft Find Each Other 'Repulsive'

New York, Nov. 8.

After two unmarried couples had spent more than three months together on a 12-by-20-foot raft, what would you expect? If you guess romance you could not be more wrong.

Said Don Brown, 23-year-old university graduate, one of the four who have just completed a 1,800-mile voyage down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers: "We find each other repulsive."

But repulsive or not the four are sticking together to cash in on the dollars which will come to them in a variety of ways.

They weathered the criticism of "bluestockings" and newsmen— even the early wags of the girls' mothers, who were shocked at the idea of their daughters sailing with two strange men.

The trip was the idea of Mary Ellen McCrady, 24-year-old blonde of Washington, student of sociology.

She advertised for girl companions, but only Geraldine Garela, 24-year-old redheaded from Boston, replied.

CANVAS CABIN

Then, in their raft, a wooden platform built on oil drums with an 8 ft. by 8½ ft. canvas cabin in the middle, they set off from New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Once they capsized, Mary said:

"If any woman ever wants to know if she should marry, let her take a trip with the man first on a raft as small as ours. That journey certainly wasn't conducive to romance."

And Gerry chimed in: "It wouldn't have made any difference if our companions had been Clark Gable or Tyrone Power."

"Don is a big fellow and I'm not small myself. Every time we passed each other in that cabin passage way (it was only 2½ ft. wide) we bumped into each other."

"It was just one collision after another, and then at night, when he started to climb into his bunk, he put his foot on the edge of mine."

"I got to know just the spot he'd pick for his stirrup. That was one of the things that made me want to scream."

Don said: "You couldn't find four people with more different interests. We didn't have anything in common, and certainly nothing to get romantic about."

Purpose of the trip—to see how people packed together would get on.—London Express Service.

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"CARTHAGE"	18th October	19th November
"CHUSAN"	2nd November	30th November
"CORFU"	16th November	17th December
"CANTON"	13th December	14th January

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo



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1st Nov.	"TEGELBERG"	Japan, Penang, Belawan Deli & Singapore
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1st Nov.	"KIELDRECHT"	Europe & Singapore
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22nd Nov.	"KIELDRECHT"	Japan via Manila
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Reopening Of The Liverpool Cotton Market Advocated

London, Nov. 8.

The case for restoring raw cotton trading to private enterprise and for the re-opening of the Liverpool Futures Market was put forward in the Financial Times by Mr W. B. Hutchinson, President of the Liverpool Cotton Association.

It had long been recognised that the re-opening of the Liverpool Futures Market is not an immediate possibility, Mr Hutchinson said.

However, in setting up a permanent co-operative buying organisation, the Socialist Government slammed the door on progress towards free trading no matter what favourable development might take place in the economic situation.

This action created a barrier of non-co-operation before which all planning by those working for freedom had of necessity stopped short, and could only now progress beyond the stage of outline. "The re-creation of this market," he went on, "is a fundamental necessity for a return to complete free trading, but it can only perform its proper functions if there is a free flow of arbitrage business with other foreign markets. This is in itself a major foreign exchange problem.

"Foreign exchange, particularly dollars, also looms largely in the provision of supplies of raw cotton. Owing to the world shortage of dollars, cotton obtainable with sterling or other soft currencies have tended to command a premium in price, thus adding to the imbalance by making American cotton, already desirable for its good spinning qualities, attractive in price against many other growths. This creates the necessity for a returning system.

CRUCIAL PROBLEM

"In an age where licences have become an everyday feature of commercial life, there should be no insurmountable problems in control and regulation of imports. Indeed, most continental cotton-using countries have traded by means of currency licences for some years, and such a system can go far to give individual choice of quality to the spinner. The crucial problem is that of cover against price-risks."

"Should the operation of a Futures Market be thought to involve too great a risk of foreign exchange 'leaks' (although it is generally conceded that the operations of such a market over a period can usually be reckoned to produce a balance of payments in favour of the market) then the only outlet for private hedging would be the existing markets in America and Egypt."

"Such procedure would also involve foreign exchange control and would provide for less accurate cover than a Liverpool Futures Market."

"As an interim measure, however much a course might be adopted in modified form with Government assistance."

"It would be the decisions of the Government, which would ready set the pace, Mr Hutchinson continued. If those decisions were based on a long-term, rather than short, view of foreign P.O.B. mills.—United Press.

Gold Production In Ontario

Toronto, Nov. 8.

Ontario gold mines produced slightly less during the first nine months of this year than they did last year, the Provincial Minister of Mines, Mr Welland S. Gemmill, said today.

Mr Gemmill reported that 43 mines milled 7,017,424 tons of ore and recovered 1,762,222 ounces of silver valued at \$66,216,372 from January through September of this year, against 7,665,000 tons of ore and gold and silver valued at \$69,630,165 last year.—United Press.

ISRAEL REQUEST FOR GRANT

Jerusalem, Nov. 8.

The Israel Government is expected to ask the United States for a grant of \$200,000,000 for 1952, official sources said yesterday. Israel requested 150,000,000 in American aid in 1951.

The U.S. Congress voted \$80,000,000 for Israel last month in a blanket foreign aid bill.—Associated Press.

Now York, N.Y.

Copra was quoted today at \$19.50 per short ton CIF the Pacific Coast. Coconut oil was sold at 12½ cents a pound.

STERLING AREA CRISIS

Empire's Aim To Keep The Pound Strong

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Grave Problem Confronting Finance Ministers' Meeting

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Nov. 8.

The Sterling Area Finance Ministers, who are due to meet here next January, will be confronted with an even more serious crisis than that visualised when Mr Gaitskell first proposed the meeting a month ago.

Originally the intention was that the Ministers should discuss Sterling Area policy in relation to the balance of payments position revealed in the gold and dollar deficit for the third quarter this year. The position since then has deteriorated rapidly.

The gold and dollar deficit in the month of October alone amounted to the appalling figure of \$320 million. This means the dollar deficit is now running at a quarterly rate of over \$1,000 million compared with \$688 million in the third quarter.

This problem is not confined to the UK alone. As Mr Butler pointed out yesterday, the whole Sterling Area is in deficit all round the world. All currencies are now hard, he added.

The import cuts which he announced, and which are designed to effect a saving of \$360 million a year in our import bill are, therefore, only the first instalment of measures to bring the Sterling Area's trade back into balance with the rest of the world.

The Sterling Area Finance Ministers will, therefore, meet in a most serious atmosphere. The saving of Sterling, which is the underlying problem, is of commercial interest, and the policy which will emerge from the forthcoming meeting will be designed to make and keep Sterling strong.

The dangers of a future surplus due to the ending of strategic and commercial stockpiling is not the only danger facing the rubber and tin producing industries. In the case of rubber, the natural product faces the threat of stiff competition from American synthetic products. So far, this competition has not had any material effect on the world price of rubber, but improvements in the technique of semisynthetic rubber production are bringing the time nearer when this threat will have to be met.

The dangers of a future "bindsance" surplus is the greatest preoccupation in the tin industry, but an equally grave threat is the fact that the known deposits of tin are being exhausted faster than new deposits are being discovered.

The basic problem here is one of raising the necessary capital to finance exploration and development operations, but the difficulty is enhanced by terrorist activities in Malaya which make exploration for possible new sources of tin an extremely hazardous undertaking.

Although the prospect of a decline in those two valuable industries is a long-term problem for the sterling area as a whole, it is an immediate source of anxiety to the authorities in the full conference.

"GAP" TO CONTINUE

London, Nov. 8.

Although the general tendency in the circles is to regard the sterling area's dollar "gap" as something entirely due to the temporarily unsettling effects of post-war economic conditions, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the disparity in trade between sterling and dollar countries will continue to present a problem for some years to come.

This is the impression gained from a study of the annual report for 1950 of the Federation of Malaya, which makes it clear that both the sterling area's main dollar-earning industries of agriculture and manufacturing are entering a critical phase of their development.

Looking to the future when rubber and tin may not be such a profitable source of income as it is today, the Federation Government are constantly trying to encourage the production of other commodities, such as palm oil, in order to broaden the basis of the Malayan economy.—London Express Service.

It is still a serious figure, but it compares with the figures of \$189,000,000 in the preceding year and \$89,000,000 for the three weeks ended October 31.

Britain's loss of gold and dollars was apparently sharply reduced during the week ended yesterday.

American weekly banking statistics published tonight show that foreign countries as a whole lost \$38,000,000 to the United States.

This is still a serious figure, but it compares with the figures of \$189,000,000 in the preceding year and \$89,000,000 for the three weeks ended October 31.

Britain's loss must have been slashed correspondingly, as the greater part of any American gain is nearly always a British gain.—Reuter.

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The wool goods market was dull.

Rayon goods developed a better tone.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

London, Nov. 8.

Prices of tin were steady this morning. Turnover was 75 tons.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 995

Spot tin, sellers 1,000

Three-months tin, buyers 967½

Three-months tin, sellers 990-995

Business done at Settlement 1,000

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

New York, Nov. 8.

Business was done in the local

unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling note (per £1) 8.0850

U.S. dollar 1.5000

Swiss franc (per 100) 27.50

Siam tical (per 100) 27.50

Singapore (Straits) 1.0000

F.I.C. piastres (per 100) 15.70

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1951.



Cantonese By Radio

By S. K. Lee

The second in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 8.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 2

The Numerals (Refer to page 2 "Cantonese Simplified"):

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